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SATELLITE POLICY BRANCH INFORMATION

Applications Accepted for Filing

The applications listed below have been found, upon initial review, to be acceptable for filing. The Commission reserves the right to return any of the applications if, upon further examination, it is determined the application is not in conformance with the Commission's rules or its policies. Petitions, oppositions and other pleadings filed in response to this notice should conform to Section 25.154 of the Commission's rules, unless otherwise noted. 47 C.F.R. § 25.154.

SAT-AMD-19990526-00057 S2343 DIRECTCOM NETWORKS, INC.

Amendment

DirectCom Networks has filed an amendment to its pending application to construct, launch and operate a system of two Ka-band satellite in the Fixed Satellite Service. See File Nos. SAT-LOA-19971222-00214/215. This amendment updates information relating to the ownership of DirectCom. To the extent necessary, DirectCom requests an exemption of the "cut-off" rule pursuant to Section 25.116 of the Commission's rules to permit the continued consideration of this Amendment and Application in the current Ka-band processing round.

SAT-AMD-19990526-00058 S2342 DIRECTCOM NETWORKS, INC.

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SAT-AMD-19990601-00060 SAT C-1 GE AMERICAN COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

Amendment

GE American Communications, Inc. has filed an amendment to its pending application for modification of the Satcom C-1 satellite. [See File No. SAT-MOD-19981023-00073.] This amendment changes the relocation schedule requested in GE Americom's modification application to a two-step process. First, GE Americom seeks to relocate the Satcom C-1 satellite from 137 degrees W.L. to 141.5 degrees W.L. and to operate from that location until GE-8/Aurora III, a new C-band replacement satellite for Satcom C-5/Aurora II, is launched and operational at 139 degrees W.L. [See Application File No. SAT-LOA-19990601-00061, filed concurrently and listed below.] Second, GE Americom would relocate Satcom C-1 to 79 degrees W.L. at that time.

SAT-ASG-19990527-00059 S2193-x ASTROLINK INTERNATIONAL LLC

Assignment

FROM: LMGT ASTRO LICENSE, LLC

TO: ASTROLINK INTERNATIONAL LLC

LMGT Astro License, LLC and Astrolink International LLC have filed an application for the consent to Assignment of Licenses held by LMGT to launch and operate a system of Ka-band fixed satellites. [See File Nos. 182 through 187-SAT-P/LA-95.]

SAT-LOA-19990601-00061 S2379 GE AMERICAN COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

Launch and Operating Authority

GE American Communications, Inc. and Alascom, Inc. have filed an application to launch and operate GE-8/Aurora III, a C-band satellite, as a replacement for Satcom C-5/Aurora II satellite at 139 degrees W.L. The authorization for the Satcom C-5/Aurora II satellite expires in July 2001. The Applicants request authority to launch and operate a C-band replacement satellite in order to continue to provide service to the Alaska communities presently served.

SAT-MOD-19990603-00062 DBS8402 DIRECTV ENTERPRISES, INC.

Modification

DIRECTV Enterprises, Inc. has filed an application for modification of its authorization for the DBS-1 Direct Broadcast Service Satellite. DIRECTV is seeking authority to relocate the DBS-1 satellite from 101 degrees W.L. to 110 degrees W.L. and to commence service using its three authorized DBS channels at 110 degrees W.L.

SAT-STA-19990525-00056 S2135 GE AMERICAN COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

Special Temporary Authority

GE American Communications, Inc. has filed a Request for Special Temporary Authority to permit it to test its GE-4 satellite at 81 degrees W.L., for a 90 day period, prior to commencing regular operations of this satellite. GE Americom has a pending modification application for its GE-4 satellite to operate GE-4 at 101 degrees W.L. rather than its assigned 81 degrees W.L. location. (See File No. SAT-MOD-19981023-00076). The GE-4 satellite is scheduled to be launched in the fourth quarter of 1999, with operations commencing by year end.

NOTE: GE-4 was formerly known as GE-3.

For more information concerning this Notice, contact the Satellite and Radiocommunication Division at 418-0719; TTY 202-418-2555.